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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 43.1 degrees, 3.5 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 13. Precipitation averaged 0.72 inches, 0.13 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 19 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 11. This is 0.8 days less than last year and 0.7 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	1.4	3.2	7.0
2002	2.2	1.3	4.1
1998-2002 Average	2.1	3.4	9.0

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	55	43
Last Week	0	4	72	24
Same Week Last Year	0	4	63	33
1998-2002 Average	1	4	56	39

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 13

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 15 percent jointed, this is two days ahead of last year’s schedule but five days behind the 1998-02 average. Thirteen percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is two days ahead of last year but 12 days behind the five year average.

Respondents estimate that about one percent of oats have emerged. This is three days behind last year and 10 days behind the 1998-02 average. **Tobacco** growers have 50 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is one day behind last year’s percent of tobacco beds seeded. Sixteen percent of tobacco beds have visible growth. This is three days behind last year. Approximately four percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is the same as last year, and eight days behind the five year average. Reporters estimated one percent of **Sugarbeets** have been planted.

Apples are 61 percent in green tip and 4 percent in full bloom, compared to 30 percent in green tip last week. **Peaches** are 55 percent in green tip and 14 percent in full bloom, compared to 36 and 11 percent in 2002

Wet and unseasonably cold weather continues to make field work very difficult across much of Ohio. Conditions in southern Ohio are reported to be better than most of the state. Respondents indicated producers planted vegetables in these locations. Farmers are optimistic warmer temperatures this week will improve field conditions enough to allow for tillage and planting activities. Producers across the state of Ohio are hoping to avoid a repeat of the 2002 spring planting season. In some locations Christmas tree growers sprayed for the white pine weevil. Greenhouse work continues as the nurseries gear up for spring and summer sales. Apple producers continued spraying and fertilizing their orchards. In southern Ohio cherries are in full bloom.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated the majority of winter wheat at 80 percent good to excellent condition. Agents reported chickweed in some of the wheat fields. Pasture conditions continue to improve with respondents reporting 57 percent in good to excellent condition.

Producers continue to feed hay until pasture conditions improve. Livestock was rated at 81 percent good to excellent condition. Agents report spring calving is proceeding as normal. Respondents indicated dairy producers are culling poor producing animals.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 13

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Oats planted	13	12	41	6	8
Oats Emerged	1	2	12	NA	NA
Potatoes planted	4	4	11	2	NA
Sugarbeets planted	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	50	49	66	35	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	16	25	29	10	NA
Winter wheat jointed	15	12	22	7	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 13

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	22	67	8
Previous Week	0	2	30	55	13
Previous Year	1	1	26	63	9
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	24	60	10
Previous Week	1	3	29	57	10
Previous Year	1	5	33	52	9
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	17	70	11
Previous Week	1	4	17	65	13
Previous Year	0	1	20	68	11
PASTURE	NA	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	32	49	8
Previous Week	2	9	29	51	9
Previous Year	1	9	33	50	7
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	19	68	10
Previous Week	0	2	32	53	13
Previous Year	1	3	31	56	9
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	18	57	23
Previous Week	1	3	18	57	21
Previous Year	2	7	28	54	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 13

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	39.9	-4.9	0.44	-0.36	2.12	0.66	18	-11	48	-1
North Central	39.9	-4.7	0.56	-0.25	2.02	0.54	12	-15	42	-6
Northeast	40.3	-3.4	0.47	-0.34	1.66	0.04	10	-16	43	-4
West Central	42.0	-4.6	0.55	-0.36	1.45	-0.20	18	-16	65	5
Central	43.5	-3.8	0.73	-0.17	1.56	-0.13	17	-21	68	1
Central Hills	41.9	-3.5	0.64	-0.25	1.87	0.17	14	-18	53	-4
Northeast Hills	43.1	-2.8	0.65	-0.22	1.81	0.15	13	-21	55	-5
Southwest	44.3	-4.4	0.65	-0.29	1.16	-0.61	22	-20	78	5
South Central	47.8	-1.8	1.41	0.73	1.93	0.51	24	-25	86	-2
Southeast	46.5	-1.5	0.95	0.10	1.76	0.14	19	-23	76	0
STATE	43.1	-3.5	0.72	-0.13	1.72	0.12	17	-19	63	-1

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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